

FISCAL NOTE

Bill #: SB0137

Title: Amending statutes relevant to veterans' license plates bill

Primary

Sponsor: Eve Franklin

Status: As introduced

Sponsor signature	Date	Dave Lewis, Budget Director	Date
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Fiscal Summary

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Expenditures:		
General Fund	\$19,829	\$0
Revenue:		
General Fund	\$251	\$0
State Special Revenue	1,506	2,510
Other	753	0
Net Impact on General Fund Balance:	(\$19,578)	\$0

<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>		<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	
	X	Significant Local Gov. Impact		X	Technical Concerns
	X	Included in the Executive Budget		X	Significant Long-Term Impacts

Fiscal Analysis

ASSUMPTIONS:

Department of Justice

1. During calendar 1997, the state issued/or renewed 11,065 license plate sets to authorized military veterans. This represents 12% of the approximately 92,000 individuals in Montana eligible to receive the special veterans license plates. Approximately 1,650 or 15% of those veterans plate fees processed in calendar 1997 were new issue license plates. A similar rate of participation would be applicable to the proposed National Guard retiree license plate program.
2. Department of Justice operating expenses are estimated at \$19,829 in FY 2000 consisting of \$3,629 for computer processing time due to programming and system testing and \$16,200 for consultant services for an estimated 216 hours of programming at \$75/hour.

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3. It should be noted that if more than one new plate type passes into law, that all new plate types can be completed at the same time at a one-time cost of \$19,829.

Department of Military Affairs

4. There are 1,845 National Guard veterans eligible to purchase National Guard veterans license plates.
5. Of the 1,845 eligible, 13.6% will purchase plates.
6. The original application fee of \$10.00 would be distributed \$3.00 to the county general fund, \$1.00 to the state general fund, and \$6.00 to the state veterans' cemeteries special fund. Upon subsequent annual registration renewals, the \$10 special fee would be deposited to the state veterans' cemeteries special fund.

Department of Corrections (DOC)

7. There is no fiscal impact anticipated to the DOC, because the existing license plate operations general fund budget request should be sufficient to cover any cost associated with this bill, if the National Guard veteran plate and legion of valor plate design are silk screened on the plates instead of using a decal. The number, type, and cost of plates issued would not be of the volume to request additional appropriation authority.
8. Additions to 61-3-332 (10), MCA, establish procedures for National Guard veteran plates and legion of valor license plates. These plates would be the same as regular issue license plates with a design or decal displaying the Montana National Guard insignia and words "National Guard Veteran" or legion of valor medallion depending on the type of plate.
9. This bill increases the current number of license plates currently produced by the license plate operation at the Montana State Prison or needing to be reviewed by the Highway Patrol.

FISCAL IMPACT:

	<u>FY2000 Difference</u>	<u>FY2001 Difference</u>
Department of Justice:		
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<u>Expenditures:</u>		
Operating Expenses	\$19,829	\$0
<u>Funding:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$19,989	\$0
<u>Revenues:</u>		
General Fund (01)	\$251	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	1,506	2,510
Other	753	0
<u>Net Impact to Fund Balance (Revenue minus Expenditure):</u>		
General Fund (01)	(19,578)	\$0
State Special Revenue (02)	1,506	2,510
Other	753	0

EFFECT ON COUNTY OR OTHER LOCAL REVENUES OR EXPENDITURES:

County general fund revenues would increase by approximately \$753 in FY 2000 based upon the estimated number of new issue license plates.

TECHNICAL NOTES:

SB138 and SB139 are the companion CI-75 bills submitting to the electorate.